

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 17-32 and 39-51, without prejudice or disclaimer. Please AMEND the claims and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A mobile phone which is able to be carried by an authorized user for performing various electronic information processes, comprising:

a main body;

a battery pack detachably attached to the main body for supplying power thereto, said battery pack having an input/output section integrally formed therewith for performing a user verification function ~~biometric verification~~ using input/output signals comprising biometric information of a user of the mobile phone; and

an interface section comprising an optical communications means for optically receiving/transmitting signals as the input/output signals, disposed on a contact surface between the battery pack and the main body, for transferring the input/output signals relating to the biometric information between said main body and the battery pack.

2. – 51. (CANCELED)

52. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A mobile phone comprising:

a main body of the mobile phone;

a battery pack detachably attached to the main body for supplying power to the main body, the battery pack having an input/output section to input information to the battery pack from outside of the mobile phone, and to output information from the battery pack to outside of the mobile phone; and

an interface section comprising an optical communication means for optically receiving/transmitting signals as the input/output signals, disposed on a contact surface between the battery pack and the main body, providing communications between the main body and the battery pack, wherein the battery pack and the interface section operate together to allow biometric information of a user of the mobile phone to be input to the main body from outside of the mobile phone ~~for to provide a user verification function utilizing the biometric information verification purposes by~~ being input to the battery pack through the input/output section and then being input to the main body via communication between the battery pack and the interface section, and to allow information to be output from the main body to outside of the mobile phone by being output from the main body to the battery pack via communication

between the interface section and the battery pack and then being output from the battery pack to outside of the mobile phone through the input/output section.

53. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A mobile phone as in claim 52, wherein information input to the main body from outside of the mobile phone by being input to the battery pack provides additional functionality to the mobile phone.

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56. (NEW) The mobile phone according to claim 52, wherein the battery pack contains a processor for utilizing the biometric information to provide the user verification function.

57. (NEW) The mobile phone according to claim 56, wherein the battery pack contains a memory for storing personal data of an authorized user of the mobile phone.

58. (NEW) The mobile phone according to claim 56, wherein the battery pack communicates a result of the user verification function to the main body of the mobile phone.

59. (NEW) The mobile phone according to claim 57, wherein the processor compares the personal data stored in the memory with the biometric information of a user of the mobile phone that is input into the input/output section of the battery pack, to provide the user verification function.